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Applicant: FINGERSON ET AL. Examiner: K. MCDERMOTT
Serial No.: 09/768,398 Group Art Unit: 3635
Filed: JANUARY 24, 2001 Docket: 9538.21US01
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Title: UTILITY LINE SUPPORT MEMBER

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims				
20	- 24	= 0	x 09.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims				
4	- 3	= 1	x 43.00	= \$43.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$43.00

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this document.